

Sidon dispute settled

SIDON (R) — Palestinians and Lebanese leftists in this South Lebanese port had settled a dispute that arose last weekend with the killing of a local leftist party official. Mustafa Saad, leader of the leftist Popular Nasserite Organisation in Sidon, told reporters a three-day strike in protest against the killing and the gunbattles between Palestinians and leftists which followed was now over. He was speaking after a reconciliation meeting with Salih Khalaf, a senior aide to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, and Mohamed Ibrahim, secretary-general of Lebanon's leftist National Movement. The Nasserite official was buried Wednesday and political sources said the Sidon Nasserites had dropped their threat not to hold a funeral until the killers were punished. (Earlier story on page 8)

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Ministry issues instructions on imports from Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Finance and Customs Under-Secretary Adel Al Qudah has instructed all customs offices in Jordan not to accept any invoices of goods imported from Lebanon of non-Lebanese origin unless these invoices are endorsed by the Beirut Chamber of Commerce. The invoices, the instructions said, should also be approved by a special committee entrusted with handling such issue at the Jordanian Foreign Ministry. These invoices had previously been endorsed by the Jordanian Consulate in Beirut.

Momani announces creation of new section at ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani Wednesday announced the creation of a planning and studies section at his ministry. The new section will be in charge of defining districts or villages that should be reorganized or expanded in the light of population density and development trends, and other tasks. These will include, among other things, the establishment of a bank for gathering plans and maps with details of expansion and the preparation of tenders and supervising their implementation, as well as all studies related to the region.

Zarqa governor forms audit committee for roll-over-list firms

ZARQA (Petra) — Zarqa District Governor Salem Al Qudah Wednesday formed a committee to audit gambling roll-over-list companies which had been closed down for operating without licence. The committee will seize all records that show the citizens' rights and the amounts of money that these offices and companies had acquired and will return these sums and assets to their owners, Mr. Qudah said. He said that the committee which will hold its first meeting on Saturday will start opening the offices and companies in the presence of their representatives and will compile an inventory lists of their contents before preparing a report on their task. The companies and offices, closed last week for operating illegally and in a manner considered harmful to public interests, were named as "Happy End", "Al Hada", and "Al Khatib."

Saudi police officers graduate

AMMAN (Petra) — Seventeen Saudi Arabian police officers graduated here Wednesday at the end of a training course in maintaining discipline and public order. The officers, who have completed a three-month training course, received their awards and prizes from the director of Training and Planning Department at the Public Security Directorate. The graduation ceremony, held at the Police Training Academy in Amman was attended by senior Public Security officers.

Building specialists to leave for Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation will leave for Tunis Thursday to attend a meeting of Arab specialists who would explore the prospect of establishing joint Arab companies producing building materials. According to the head of the Jordanian delegation, Tareq Bushnaq, Arab states will submit studies containing integrated information and data on building materials in each Arab state and the amounts of building materials consumed in each nation and expectations for the remaining years of this century. Mr. Bushnaq, who is the deputy director general of the Housing Corporation said that participants in the meeting, which starts Friday, will also discuss aspects of cooperation and coordination of Arab countries' efforts in the field of building materials.

Israel coalition wins no-confidence motion

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin clung to power Wednesday after his shaky coalition survived a parliamentary no-confidence motion by vote.

An opposition attempt to topple the government because of economic mismanagement was defeated by 58 votes to 57.

Mr. Begin, whose feuding coalition has survived numerous no-confidence motions, since taking power 10 months ago, was saved because three members of the Techiya and Telem parties abstained.

The government, which has never commanded more than a two-seat majority in the 120-member Knesset (parliament), appeared to face an uphill battle to remain in office after two legislators defected to the opposition Labour Party on Tuesday.

Mr. Begin has several times spoken of holding early elections to break the Knesset stalemate and has mentioned November as a possible polling date.

There was uproar in the Knesset when a Begin supporter accused Mr. Peres of acting like a "horse-trader and briber" in tempting the two defecting parliamentarians to join him.

Talhouni, Eritrean confer

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni conferred in his office Wednesday with Eritrean Association of Jurists President Mohammad Sa'id Barhato who is also responsible for the Eritrean revolutionary com-

King Hassan, Reagan confer on North Africa, aid, facilities for RDF

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan conferred Wednesday with Morocco's King Hassan II on North African security, U.S. military and economic aid to Morocco and ways to reinforce traditional ties between their countries.

They met in the White House before holding more talks at a working luncheon and, in an unusual departure from protocol, flying together by helicopter to a nearby military base for an afternoon of horse riding.

U.S. officials said main issues at the talks were Morocco's war with Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara, the Middle East, and a proposed agreement to give U.S. forces access to military transit facilities in Morocco in an emergency.

Morocco received \$30 million in U.S. military aid credits last year and \$55 million in economic aid. It sought more arms after the Western Sahara conflict intensified last year and the Rabat government said Soviet-made sam missiles downed two of its planes.

The Reagan administration promised more advanced weapons, including M-60 tanks. But the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee halved a White House request for \$100 million in arms credits for Morocco this year.

The United States once had four air bases in Morocco and wants the transit facilities now to enable it to move its Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) in case of an "emergency" in the Gulf region.

Be prepared for mobs, British cops cautioned

SCARBOROUGH, England (R) — Britain's police must never again be caught unprepared for mob violence on the scale experienced in last year's riots, the head of the British police union said Wednesday.

James Jardine, retiring chairman of the police federation, which represents rank-and-file policemen, said 1981 would go down as a dramatic year in police history.

More than 20 cities were affected by a wave of rioting last summer in which several hundred people were injured. The disturbances, involving mainly black

"But we must never lower our entry standards simply to accommodate people we would not otherwise accept," he added.

**Hassan tours Harvard**

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan visited on Tuesday Harvard University at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Crown Prince, who is currently on a working visit to the United States, was escorted by the university's centre for International Affairs Director Ben Brown (right) and other senior Harvard officials. To Mr. Brown's right is Court Minister Amer Khanmash.

Jordan denounces Jerusalem meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Wednesday deplored the Council of Europe political committee's meeting in occupied Jerusalem, saying it was a blatant challenge to international opinion.

A Foreign Ministry statement quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra said by meeting in occupied Jerusalem the council was helping the aggressor reap the fruits of his aggression.

"The European committee should have benefited from European countries' experiment of long suffering as a result of aggression and occupation, and should have backed the victim and defended its rights rather than adopt such an attitude," the statement said.

"Jordan," it added, "voices its appreciation to the European countries which have boycotted the Jerusalem meeting out of their profound belief in the principles of right and justice."

Arab states had tried to persuade the 21-member committee to change the venue. Five European countries boycotted the meeting, which ended Tuesday.

The Jordanian statement said the country expected a special session of the Arab League Council in Tunis to take appropriate measure "to guarantee Arab rights."

Numeiri urges Arab summit for Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri Wednesday called for an Arab summit meeting to be held in Cairo, the weekly Akher Sa'a reported.

In an interview, President Numeiri told the newspaper that the return of Arab solidarity could be achieved through an Arab summit meeting in Cairo followed by an immediate return of the Arab League headquarters to the Egyptian capital.

The league's headquarters was transferred to Tunis after a summit meeting in Baghdad in 1978 that imposed sanctions against Egypt over the signing of the U.S.-sponsored Camp David treaty.

President Numeiri said the transfer had undermined the league's prestige.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said that the Arab League premises in Cairo are still available for Arab delegations if they choose.

Tindemans to visit Israel

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, current president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers, will visit Israel on May 29 as part of the EEC's search for a Middle East peace formula.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Tindemans would meet Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin during his three-day visit.

Mr. Tindemans has recently been to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt and is likely to make further trips to Arab countries next month. His findings will be reviewed at an EEC summit meeting at the end of June.

He has said the EEC is not putting forward any new proposals at present, but may undertake a fresh initiative following Israel's withdrawal from Sinai last month.

The EEC began its search for a role in bringing peace to the Middle East with a 1980 statement issued in Venice, calling for the involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in negotiations.

Geneva talks to resume

GENEVA (R) — U.S. and Soviet arms negotiators resume talks Thursday on curbing nuclear missiles in Europe amid signs that they are moving closer to summit talks on wider arms reduction issues.

The new Geneva round takes place against the background of a recent welter of proposals and counter-proposals by the two superpowers on slowing the arms race.

Referring to charges that the police force recruited too few non-whites, Mr. Jardine said his federation would welcome more suitable applicants from the ethnic communities.

"But we must never lower our entry standards simply to accommodate people we would not otherwise accept," he added.

Washington says that unless the

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Young riders show their paces at horse show

By a Special Correspondent

AMMAN — After last week's floods, a beautiful sun shone on the horse show last Friday at the Arabian Horse Club. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath formally opened the show which started at 10.00 a.m.

The show, sponsored by Air France, set the seal on a training course given by Mr. Pierre Simon, director of the Riding School of Saint Cézaire, in southern France.

Mr. Simon organised the course, as he had done twice before in 1979 and 1981, with the technical assistance of Mrs. Mano Marchis.

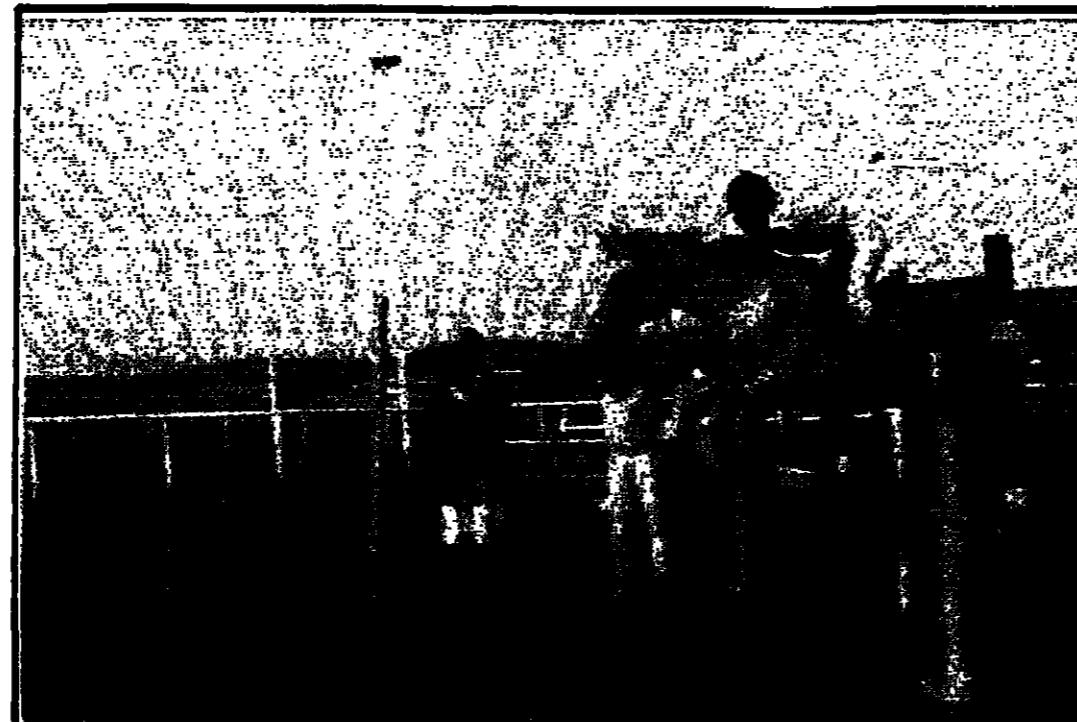
"The riders have made great progress since 1979," said Mr. Simon "and there is now a good junior class of Jordanian riders that could, if they keep on training, form a national team one day". He himself donated a cup for the winner of the Class C Dressage competition. Her Highness Princess Rahma, and various medals to the winners of different contests.

Air France, represented by Mr. Jean-Pierre Maire for Jordan and Mr. Joseph-François Barbolosi for the Middle East, donated most of the cups and beautiful presents as awards for other winners.

Two dressage competitions followed Crown Prince Hassan's opening one for Class C, intermediate riders, and one for Class B, advanced riders.

The jury, consisting of Col.

Minhas, Mrs. Jill Goddard and Mrs. Sylvia Halaby evaluated the posture of the rider, and the methods used in controlling the horse. The first prize for Class C went to Princess Rahma, the second to Sara Kabariti and the



Sara Halaby on Fraze, winner of the first prize for Class B show jumping

third to Bassim Khammash.

The first prize for Class B was a cup presented by the wife of the French ambassador, Mme. Maïtou de Seduy, to Sara Halaby. The second prize went to Melissa Erder and the third to Samia Kabariti.

Following the dressage, came (with appropriate music) a barrel race for beginners which was won by Francois de Beaupuy, who received a cup presented by Mano Marchis. The second prize was a

bag donated by Air France which was presented to Antoine Ruffel. His brother Jerome Ruffel came third.

There was also a barrel race for Class C, at a quicker pace. Again Princess Rahma came first and received a cup from French Ambassador to Lebanon Mr. Paul Marc Henry. Mr. Barbolosi presented the second prize to Bassim Khammash. Omar Saudi came third.

The morning programme ended

amusingly with the Cavaletti Game, in which two riders started at the same time on twin tracks with four small jumps, called Cavaletti. At the end of the track, each rider had to dismount and run the course again jumping the Cavaletti, but this time on his own feet. Personal fitness was tested as much as riding ability. Air France donated the first prize, a cup, which went to Samia Kabariti and the second, a tray which was won by Fida Salfiti. Halima Salfiti came third.

There was a picnic lunch outdoors, on tables set under the shades of umbrellas, in the spring-like setting of the club. And a buffet was served by Air France in the brand new clubhouse, decorated in a rustic and original style by Miss Kira Parker.

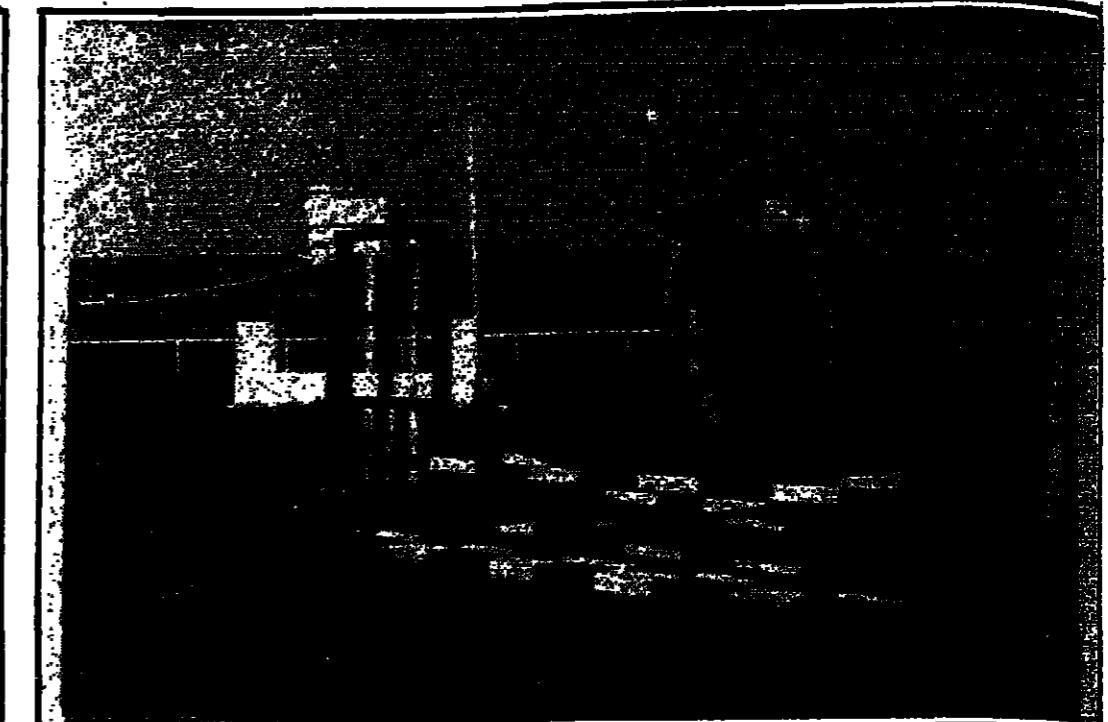
The afternoon's most exciting programme started with a beautiful carousel when Mrs. Mano Marchis, the benevolent instructor at the club, led seven riders to the sound of French cavalry music. Mr. Pierre Simon then performed a splendid dressage show, giving spectators an idea of how dressage can transform the pace of the horses into a sort of ballet.

Back to games and competitions, six pairs of riders took part in an American relay. Each team of two had to cover the course of six obstacles twice in the least possible time. Either of the two partners had to jump each obstacle once only on each circuit, as long as they were synchronised so that time was taken at the end of the two courses. A brilliant performance came from Suzanne Sperlich and Melissa Erder, who came first. Second were Sara, Halabi and Fida Salfiti.

Some very interesting show jumping then ended the show. It was a pleasure to watch the young Class C riders, aged from 8 to 12, the hopes of tomorrow, displaying already a certain mastery in overcoming difficult obstacles. But it must be said that their horses were not always very cooperative.

Five out of seven riders had a clear round and so competed again in a jump-off with raised obstacles and against the clock.

Sara Kabariti and Saif Saudi



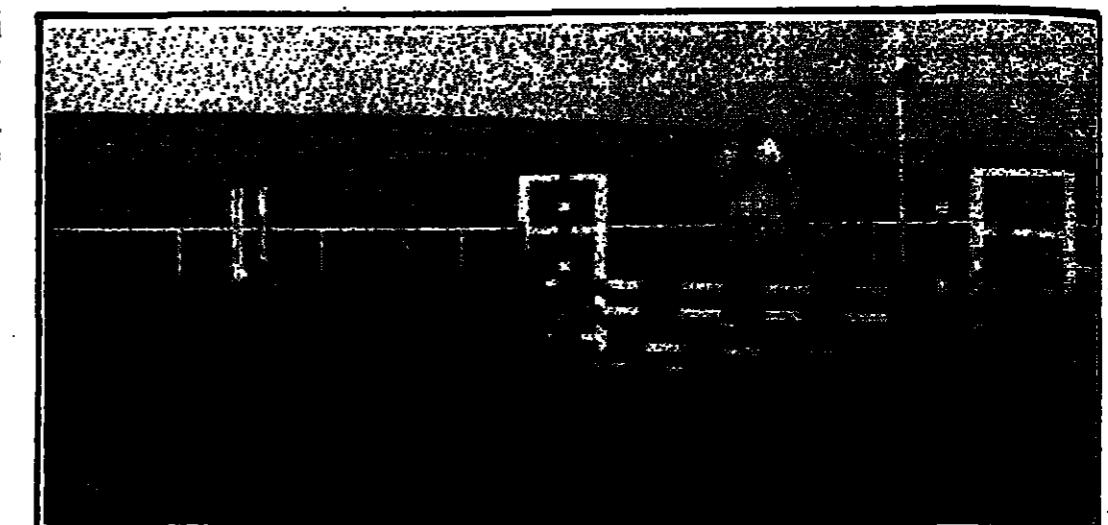
Sara Kabariti, who won second prize in show jumping Class C

ried for second place and had to take part in a jump-off which Sara Kabariti won. The result was then first Bassim Khammash, second Sara Kabariti and third Saif Saudi. Spectators then watched some very exciting show jumping from the advanced riders who had a more difficult course to cover. Four of the 11 riders had a clear

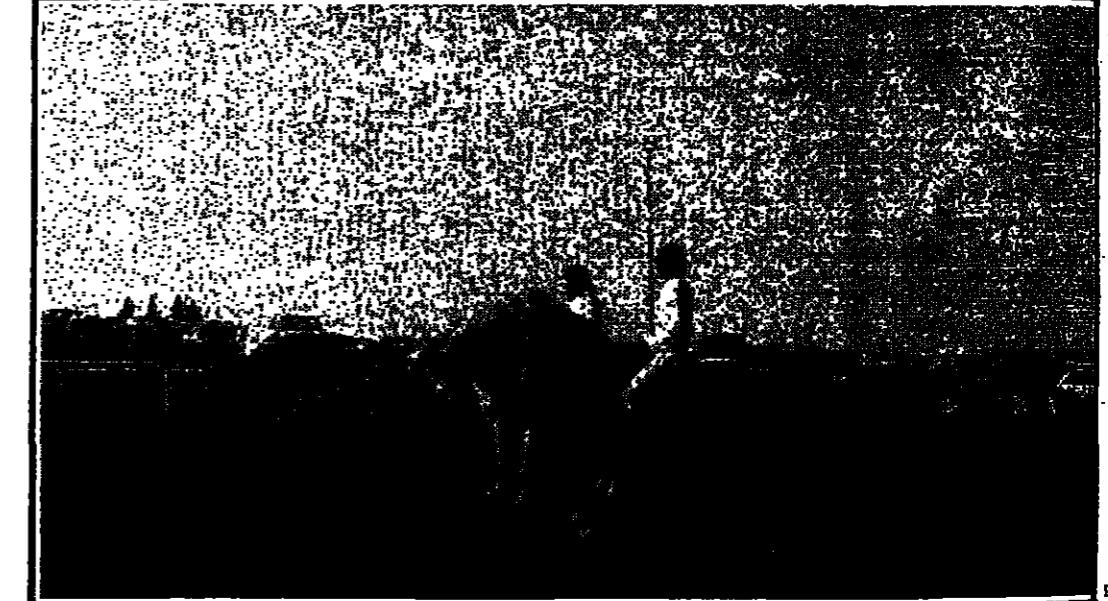
round. A young Jordanian rider, Sara Halaby, riding Fraze, won the competition and great appreciation from the public for her courage and beautiful style. Second prize went to French rider Jean-Felix Chaumeret, riding Talga.

Crown Prince Hassan then presented the awards, and the best

overall riders of Class C and Class B were named. The Class C overall winner Princess Rahma, received a cup donated by the Crown Prince, and the Class B overall winner, Sara Halaby, won a riding training course in France offered by the French embassy with an Air France round-trip ticket.



French rider Jean-Felix Chaumeret, riding Talga, winner of second prize among advanced show jumpers.



"The beautiful carrousel"



Princess Rahma, winner of the first prize in Class C Dressage Competition, receives the winner's cup from her mother Princess Sarvath.

How to improve telecommunications the Swedish way

By Mary Winter
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's buoyant economic growth in recent years has to an unprecedented degree attracted business to Amman from all over the world. Consultants, contractors, banks as well as companies in all different areas from mining equipment to consumer goods have settled down in Amman.

The civil war in Lebanon as well as the Iran-Iraq war have diverted

a substantial amount of business especially from Beirut to Amman, and from Iraqi ports to Aqaba. However, it has also been a pronounced policy of the Jordanian government and business community to attract business to Amman, because of its central location and favourable business atmosphere. Apart from good climate and Jordanian hospitality, another aspect of business life which would attract more foreign businesses is good, fast and reliable communications system with the rest of the world.

As anyone living in Jordan and who has tried to make calls to other parts of the world knows the telephone service is a sadly neglected child in the otherwise smoothly functioning Jordanian life. This is, however, not surprising, knowing that for a population of almost 2.5m there are only 300 international lines (which have to be subscribed to) whereas all other international calls are manually transmitted.

Moreover, the 300 international lines are connected to a switchboard in France which means for example that calls to

ish company Ericsson.
Ericsson's role

The Ericsson Group is one of the world's largest manufacturers of telecommunications equipment. Parent company of the group is L.M. Ericsson, founded in 1876 and thence in the telecommunications business since the birth of the telephone. The company today has a unique position among the leading suppliers of telecommunications equipment in the world, since it is the only major international company specialising in telecommunications and devoting practically all its resources to the development, manufacture and installation of telecommunications systems and products.

Annual sales for the whole group are \$3 billion. The company employs over 70,000 people in more than 100 countries throughout the world. The main product for Ericsson is switching equipment for public networks; and the manufacturing programme includes electro-mechanical systems such as crossbar equipment with or without stored programme control as well as advanced electronic exchange for local, transit and international traffic.

Unique in AXE

What really makes the Ericsson Group different from all other companies in the telecommunications business is the Ericsson-developed digital AXE switching system. The AXE system started being commercially marketed in 1977. Since then, 4.5 million lines have been sold to 35

countries in the world (including 5 in the Middle East). Of these lines about half are in service.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia started in 1964 engaging Ericsson in supplying all public switching equipment for about 200,000 lines. In 1977 the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (PTT) decided to expand telecommunications radically and to introduce the most modern electronic technology available.

Together with Philips and Bell Canada, Ericsson was awarded the biggest telephone order in history amounting to over \$4 billion.

This giant telephone expansion plan in the kingdom will have expanded in four years the number of telephones from 200,000 to about 1.2 million. All exchanges were to be computer-controlled with Ericsson's advanced AXE system. The plans were to expand the telephone system from 200,000 to 700,000 lines over a period of three years—an enormous task and a time limit so tight that a few people believed it could be kept. Ericsson however, together with the other contracting companies, not only carried out the contract in time but over-fulfilled it whereby the contract was expanded to 1.2 million lines.

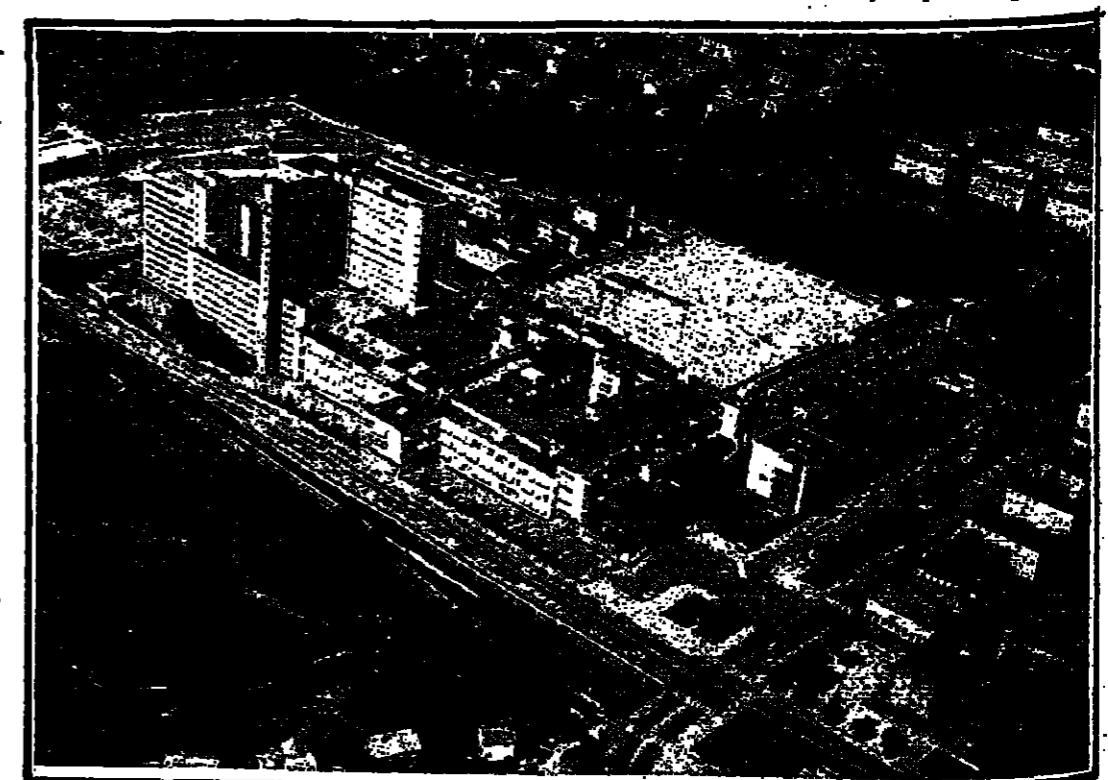
Something for Jordan

Ericsson has of course been represented on the Swedish trade delegation which recently visited Jordan.

Mr. Tord Eriksson, regional manager for the Middle East, has taken, together with his agent in Jordan Mr. Munir Atalla of the Near East Engineering, part in the discussions between Jordan and

Sweden. "The Jordanian telecommunications system is apparently not working effectively", says Mr. Eriksson who is not relative to the company's founder. "I joined the trade delegation to Jordan because I have got an effective working system to offer. You only need go to Saudi Arabia to see for yourself", he told the Jordan Times.

"Ericsson AXE telephones



Ericsson Group world headquarters, Stockholm, and one of the group's many factories for communications equipment.



Turd Eriksson

Jordan Times

Randa Habib's CORNER

Five o'clock tea

An invitation to a five o'clock tea party in Amman may mean a lot of things.

If you expect to be offered tea in the pure British tradition with a "cloud of milk" as Asterix would say, and maybe some dry biscuits you are terribly mistaken.

It has become the habit here to replace the tea hour by a real Gargantuan meal that stretches over a long period of time. It is almost a competition as to who will have the best recipe and the nicest spread.

These strictly female reunions are becoming more and more frequent and can be divided into different categories.

There are those "teas" where the ladies of the neighbourhood meet. I have been told that there are groups named Al Luweibdeh, Al Shamsiyyah, Jabal Amman etc. Between neighbours you feel at ease and you just chat.

There are "teas" among friends, regardless of where you come from, what you do or where you live. You meet because you like tabbouleh and belly dancing. These reunions usually merry and very folksy can last until very late in the evening, to the understandable dissatisfaction of husbands.

There are the diplomatic "teas" where the ladies of society, wives of the ambassadors in Amman meet and get to know each other.

There are also the "teas" of the wives of the ministers, female versions of the council of ministers. Merry, cute and well organised, no politics are discussed during these teas, but social and daily life events.

Therefore if you are called one day for an invitation to "come and have tea", make sure to tell your husband not to expect you for dinner.

Prince Rashed Ibn Hassan celebrates third birthday



AMMAN (J.T.) — Prince Rashed, only son of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath, celebrates on Thursday, May 20, his third birthday.

Zarqa to open blood bank

ZARQA (Petra) — A ceremony was held at Zarqa Wednesday for the establishment of a blood bank society. Among the society's aims is to collect samples of rare types of blood in cooperation with the blood bank in Amman to offer them free to patients in emergency cases, according to Dr. Abdul Halim Abu Khalaf, the society's president. He said that needy patients will benefit most of this project.

The society will organise a series of lectures in a number of schools and institutions to enlighten the public about the society's humanitarian ends, he said.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- Paintings by Basem S. Jawad, at the Holiday Inn.
- Paintings by Janine Saaf, at the Alia Art Gallery.
- Marine Life in Aqaba, an audio-visual show, at the French Cultural Centre Thursday 6 p.m.
- Prints by Sahar Kamhawi at the Jordanian Association of Plastic Art, Jabal Al Luweibdeh, opposite the French Cultural Centre.

Film

- "Barthélémy", based on the novel by Herman Melville. Colour film subtitled in Arabic, at the French Cultural Centre Friday 7:30 p.m.

Today's weather

Fair weather with the appearance of low clouds and the wind will be northwesterly moderate to fresh. In Aqaba, wind will be north-easterly moderate and calm sea.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	9	22
Aqaba	17	30
Desert	12	27
Jordan Valley	16	30

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 21, Aqaba 30. Humidity readings: Amman 53 per cent, Aqaba 20 per cent.

Agricultural seminar calls for creating research centre

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day seminar on rain-fed agriculture ended here Wednesday with a call for the establishment of a special centre to conduct agricultural research and prepare programmes and integrated research work in agriculture. Such a centre should be able to help develop pastures, improve the condition of soil and water sources.

The seminar, held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Hassan said that such a centre should assign some 500 dunums of land for its activities and that three stations should be set up to help the centre conduct agricultural research work in three separate rain-fed regions especially those in high areas which receive little rain water. These stations should each have at least 200 dunums of land for experimental purposes, the statement said.

The seminar also recommended that the government should implement appropriate rules that would stop the subdivision of large plots of land into smaller ones and should put an end to any encroachment on agricultural land and its partitioning into smaller holdings for the real estate business, which makes land lose its agricultural viability.

Furthermore, the recommendations included a call for the establishment of a centre to test the suitability and fitness of agricultural machines and tractors with the purpose of deciding on importing the best type of machines that suit the rain-fed regions. The recommendations also called for conducting a survey to determine the fertility of various agricultural land in Jordan with the purpose of defining the types of fertilisers needed for them. Using fertilisers containing phosphoric substances in rain-fed areas, the statement said has yielded larger strategic crops like wheat, barley and greens. Another recommendation called for the establishment of a specialised corporation to produce improved seeds and distribute them to farmers together with guidance in their use.

Nearly 100 agricultural specialists who took part in the seminar reviewed 26 working research projects dealing with rain-fed agriculture and the production of animal feed.

Construction code seminar ends

AMMAN (Petra) — The four-day seminar on the Jordanian Construction Code and building specifications and standards ended in Amman Wednesday after reviewing some 14 working papers on the subjects.

Nearly 100 participants from Jordan, the Arab World and the EEC issued resolutions and recommendations at the final session calling for using Arabic language in preparing Jordan's construction code and to translate the code in the future if need be.

A statement issued at the conclusion of the sessions called for drawing up a building code that would control the building industry in a manner to protect the rights of citizens and safeguard public interest. Such a code should be prepared in a flexible manner to allow for future amendments which technological developments might require, it said. The seminar called on the government to support the efforts of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) in drawing up specifications for building and draw up a national construction code.

It also urged all those concerned to avoid as much as possible the use of materials containing high proportion of sulphur and chlorine in steel reinforcing rods and to alert building workers to the dangers of such materials. The recommendations also included a call on Arab countries to cooperate in laying down a regional building code and to pave the way for this aim by holding proper seminars to discuss the issue. It also called for issuing booklets containing the basic principles of the building profession.

Qatari delegation concludes visit

AMMAN (Petra) — The Qatari-Jordanian joint information committee ended meetings at the Ministry of Information Wednesday after discussing means of implementing a bilateral agreement on information signed between the two countries in September of 1981.

During its two-day meetings, the committee reviewed the two countries' cooperation to date in the exchange of radio and television material and cooperation between their national news agencies as well as the exchange of publications, newspapers, training delegations' visits and other related affairs.

The Qatari side renewed an invitation to the Director General of the Jordan News Agency, Petra to visit Doha and sign an agreement that would regulate the exchange of news materials between the news agencies of both countries.

The two sides agreed to hold another meeting at Doha in November of this year.

The Jordanian side to the meetings included Ministry of Information Under-Secretary Peter Salah, Television Programmes Department Director Marwan Khair, Assistant Director of Radio Jordan Usama Asfoura and head of the international agreements at the Ministry of Information Yousef Shafiq.

The Qatari side included Mr. Kuwari, Naser Rashed Nu'mani, head of publication and press at the Qatari Ministry of Information and Mohammad Al 'Ali head of programmes control department at Qatar's television.

The Qatari delegation to the committee meetings later Wednesday left at the end of its three day stay. The delegation members were seen off at Amman airport by several Ministry of Information officials.

N. Korean ambassador visits Zarqa

ZARQA (Petra) — North Korean Ambassador to Jordan Li Sok Ryong Wednesday visited Zarqa Municipality and met with its Mayor Salameh Al Ghuweiri and the municipal council.

During the meeting Mr. Ghuweiri briefed the ambassador on the municipality's achievements and on the services it offers to the public particularly in the field of medical construction and library services.

The ambassador also visited the library and presented it with a collection of books as a gift from North Korea.

Meanwhile the Zarqa Chamber of Commerce opened here Wednesday a seminar on the usage of commercial terms and opening of letter annual letters of credit. Participants come from various banks and companies.

Student receives six months for theft

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian student Kamei Al Tu'ani has been sentenced by the military court to six months in prison for stealing public funds in collusion. Another Jordanian, Samir Awad Ahmad has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison and to the payment of JD 35,600 for embezzlement. Mr. Sa'd Mohammad Abu Rumman has been sentenced to one and a half months in prison for stealing water, Mustafa Al Omari, Lutfi Mayes, Mohammad Ali and Hani Mustafa have been sentenced to six months in prison for stealing public funds. Also five merchants have received prison sentences, will pay fines or will have their stores closed for violating ministry of supply regulations. All sentences have been endorsed by the military governor.

Jordan Times reporters

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King receives congratulatory telegrams on occasion of Isra' wal Mi'raj

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan along with Arab and Islamic nations will observe Al Isra' wal Mi'raj Thursday, the anniversary of Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey to Jerusalem and ascension to heaven.

The Royal Hashemite Court received cables of good wishes addressed to His Majesty King Hussein on this occasion from Prime Minister Mudar Badran and senior government officials wishing the King and the Arab Nation success in their endeavours to liberate the occupied Arab territories foremost of which.

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will on the occasion hold a religious ceremony at the Grand Husseini Mosque downtown Amman Thursday

evening during which Awqaf Minister Kamel Al Sharif and his Under-Secretary Abdul Salam Al Abbadi will speak about the meanings of Al Isra' wal Mi'raj.

Similar celebrations, to be held in various governorates, will be attended by local governors and officials. The ministry has instructed preachers to deliver sermons on the subject of Isra' wal Mi'raj all over the country on Thursday and Friday and to urge Muslims to work relentlessly to regain Al Aqsa Mosque and other holy shrines in Jerusalem. These celebrations will be followed up with a seminar on Islamic thought and its effects on Jordanian society which will be held on June 6 under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein. The seminar will be held under the chair-

manship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and will be attended by several religious leaders, senior government officials and intellectuals.

On the occasion of Isra' wal Mi'raj all government departments and public institutions will be closed. Also all liquor stores bars and night clubs in the country will remain closed from Wednesday evening until Friday morning. On this occasion the Amman-based General Islamic Bureau for Jerusalem issued a statement Wednesday calling on Arab and Muslim leaders to make Jerusalem the focus of Islamic solidarity. It also appealed to Islamic organisations around the world to draw up practical programmes to safeguard the holy shrines in Jerusalem including Al Aqsa

Mosque and support the Arab population so as to maintain their steadfastness in the face of Zionist plans. The statement reviewed the various Zionist practices against the holy places and Israel's constant attempts at changing the cultural, religious and historical character of the city.

On Wednesday a religious seminar was held at the University of Jordan Mosque to celebrate the occasion.

University President Abdul Salam Al Majali and the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs were the main speakers at the seminar. In reference to the occasion, the speakers called on Muslims to close their ranks and work towards regaining the usurped territories.

Sentences passed on former taxmen convicted of bribery

AMMAN (Petra) — The following are the names of former Income Tax Department employees who were sentenced by the military court to imprisonment and to pay heavy fines for soliciting and accepting bribes in return for illegal services and abuse of their official positions:

Yousef Abdou Yousef Al Tal, Mohammad Al Faris Al Abed Al Salem, Fathi Abdul Rahman Mutlaq Al Batayneh, Hani Salim Issa Al Zaghoul, Hussein Rida Falah Al Rousan, Adnan Hamzeh Al Shraydeh, Mousa Abdallah Mohammad Hathimi, Ali Nasr Abdul Aziz Hassan, Hassan Nimer Abdul Aziz Hassan, Sami George Abdou, Hashim, Abdul Halim Radwan Abu Taleb, Ghazi Falah Al Momani, Khaled Khamis Al Khamis, Turki Abdul Rahman Mohammaed Abd Abu Hazim, Mohammad Rabeh Nofal, Mohammad Qasem Atallah Al Horani, Taha Mustafa Al Badi Hijazi, Adnan Ali Ahmad Khader Al Kurdi, Salti Michael Haddad, Ziyad Mahmoud Suleiman Yaghmour, Adnan Mohammad Al Sab' Al Eish, Fawzi Fandi Mohammad Hazim, Zuhair Qasem Al Momani, Mohammad Falah Hamad Khreisat, Ahmad Falah Mohammad Al Dhyab, Fayez Mohammad Jadallah Naji, Ahmad Mahmoud Yousef Al Utoum, Murtada Hassan Mutlaq Al Nawaysah, Ahmad Al Abed Al Ahmad Al Bsoul, Bahja Zuhdi Al Jayousi, Ragheb Ahmad Sa'adeh Al Khatib, Mustafa 'Aref Abdul Wahhab Atari, Farah Shaker Mohammad Amin, Ibrahim Afifi Al Nabulsi, Zakaria Yousef Khalaf Al Mahadin, Taher Ammar Mustafa Ahmad Mir', Jamil Hammoud Suleiman May'ayah, Salem Miftah Al 'Ulayani Al Hajaya, Saleh Ibrahim Yousef Al Mubayidin, Abdul Majid Abdul Karim Al

Tarawneh, Hamdan Ismail Salem Khreisat and Mahmoud Saleh Manna' Al Zu'bi;

The following employees were acquitted of the above-mentioned charges:

Majeed Saleh Shtiewi Al Masri, Hakam Mahmoud Al Bitar, Yousef 'Isa Shihadeh and Mohammad 'Aref Ahmad Mkhimeh.

The following persons, convicted of giving bribes to official employees as an inducement to carry out illegal actions, were relieved of the punishment:

George Domitri Karvalnais, Daoud Ibrahim Ghandour, Mu'in Rafiq Al Majdoub, Fu'ad Khalil 'Ansarah, Abdul Rahman Hassan Al 'Ashi, As'ad Ali 'As'ad, Labib Walid Qamhawi, Maurice Farid Khalaf, Jamal Ahmad Hamawi, Mohammad Anwar Lutfi Al Attar, 'Awani 'Issa Batta, Ahmad Abdul Rahim Ahmad, Simone Na'im Al 'Isa, Nicola Shito 'Isa 'Alaha, Nizar Abdul Razzaq Al Sayyed, Hashem Adib Hijjawi, Hanna Daniel Dania, Khaled Tawfiq Al Sayyed, Nasser Najib 'Owar, Hadi Ma'soud Al Dirbali, Musatafa Abdul Rahman Zayed, Suleiman Jiryes Fasheh, Zuhair Mahmod Al Shamma, Abu Al Wafa Yousef Al Barjani, Boulous George Abu Khader, Yousef Shukri Batshoun, Burhan 'Uthman Halawah, Marcelle Khalil Hanna, Zaher Fakhri Al Bustami, Raja Ya'acob Jabra Ghandour, Jamal Taha 'Afşour, George 'Afşour, Sidqi Nayef Abu Al Hala, Farah Wahbeh Tamari, Fayez Mousa Haddad, 'Isam Yousef Soufani, Ali Hamdi Mango, Fu'ad Suleiman Tannous, Mohammad Zaki Muhyiddin Abu Lughud, Daoud Saleh Al Jamal, Abdou Majid Abdul Karim Al

Salim Hananiyah Al Khouri, Nabil Jamil Akkawi Rashid Mohammad Rasheed Ahmad Hadi, Abdul Rahman Nimer Al Bitar, Rawhi Mohammad Al Jawabri, Nabil Abdul Hadi Hammoudah, Mohammad Ali Hashem Dahman, George Artin Dakessian, Charlie Yousef Nassar, Lutfi Hashem Abdellah Al Hilou, Mohammad Abdallah Saleh, Minhel Na'im Nassar, Fakhri Mohammad Sanjaqieh, Ya'acob Ibrahim Snobar, Na'im Ya'acob Snobar, Mohammad Ghazi Abu Sofeh, Michel Hanna Qaseed, Sa'id Badawi Ulayyan, Fadih Jali Mousa Sha'b'an, George Nicola Abu Khader, Ahmad Mohammad Abdallah Al Faqir, Salih Shafiq Al Ali, Adnan Muhyiddin Al Humsi, Khalil Mohammad Yasin Al Talhouni, Michel Andrawis, Karan Amim Inseeh, Ma'mour Hamid Sultan, As'ad Ibrahim Al Majrouh, Jalal Jamil Al Bustami, Usama Halim Al Saffi, Fayez Khalil Al Sharif, Adnan Ghaleb Al Shalan, Yousef Hassan Abu Sarah, Mohammad Abdul Qader Hijazi, Maher Nash'at Al Masri, Robert Boulos Sa'id, Mohammad Ali Mohammadi Al Kurdi, Safooh Ghaleb Ajaj, Muwaqqaf Mohammad Nour Al Samman, Sharif Abdul Majid Barakat, Hani Tahir Al 'Ashi, Edward Jamil Boutrus, Michel Suleiman Sayqali, Fa'seq Jali Khouri, Khalil Ibrahim Kbouri, Ilia George Jourdan, Mustafa Abdul Halim Al Haddeh, Khaled Fayez Al Masri, Maurice Emil Kalis, Saliba Rizq Shukri, Rashed Abdul Razzaq Barakat, Shibli Ilia Saiti, Mustafa Sa'id Saleh Al 'Ashi, Suheil Ali Diab Al 'Adawi, Younes Safer Shannak, Ilia Qustandi Nuqul, Mohammad Maher Shekib Ya'ish, Mahmoud Mustafa Al Sidawi, Muti' Madhkour Al

Kabir, Najib Bashir Hatahet, Ilia Ya'acob 'Eid Teleghraf, Odeh Hamed Akkawi, Yousef Ahmad Abdul Hadi, Fayed Mohammad Al Bashiti, Nasouh Sa'id Al Kayali, Hashem Fawzi, Siad Fredrik Henry Marroum, Qastandi Mitri Matni, Samir Sa'id Abdul Ahad, Abdul Hamid Mohammad, Abdul Hamid Abu Troush, Muneeb Yousef Nassar, Issa Roudolf Habash, 'Isa Sa'd Al Khashour, Fathi Mustafa Malhas, Fayez Salameh Swiss, Anton Jubran Magdah, Emil Yousef Kalis, Sameeh Mohammad Fayyadh Madhi and Sami Nicola Sabaneh.

The following were cleared of the charge of giving bribes as an inducement to employees to carry out illegal actions:

Ahmad Abdallah Al Tayyab, Rashid Kheir Rabbat, Saleh Yousef Fleifei, Ahmad Murad Bushnaq, Muwaqqaf Mohammad Kheir Jabi and Ilia Nseir Ilia.

The following, convicted of acting as middlemen in actions of bribery were relieved of the punishment:

Dr. Alfred Ayed Dayyat, lawyer; Ghazi Abdallah Al 'Oran, lawyer; Ziyad Shawqi Lozeih, Francis Hanna Bawwab, Ghazi Adel Habib, Anton Shukri Hadad, Jirys Hanna Khalif, 'Uthman Abdallah Mohammad Al Khatib, Qastanti Mikhail Fasheh, Milad Bouli Abu Al Zulfik, Rashid Khaled Z'al and Mohammad Nimer Al Haj Al.

The following were sentenced to pay light fines and to one and a half years in prison for acting as middlemen:

Abdoh Abdul Karim Nafe' Al Tarawneh, lawyer; Mundher Lutfi Jarrar, Mohammad Saleh Malhas, Radwan Khalil Al Basti and Shawqi Abu Lozeih.

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Drysdale's failure to honour interest payments rocks U.S. financial market

NEW YORK (R) — Wall Street Wednesday began counting the cost of financial shockwaves caused by a securities firm's failure to pay \$160 million in interest due to the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Spokesmen for other New York banks said they were checking to see whether they were involved with the firm, Drysdale Government Securities, whose failure to pay up sent bank share prices plunging Tuesday.

Dealers said the size of Drysdale's interest payments suggested the amount of securities involved totalled billions of dollars. The New York Federal Reserve Bank said it was ready to help commercial banks meet unusual credit demands from dealers.

Chase Manhattan, America's third largest bank by deposits, acted as a middleman by borrowing government notes from several firms and lending them to Drysdale. But because of losses in other transactions, Drysdale could not meet the interest payments on its borrowings.

Market sources said several major Wall Street brokerage houses were also Drysdale creditors. Chase said it denied liability for any losses incurred by other securities firms in the transaction.

Banking sources said the affair

was disclosed on Monday night at a meeting called by Chase Chairman Willard Butcher and attended by representatives of some 10 dealers involved in the transaction.

Peter Wasserman, president of Drysdale Securities Corporation,

said Drysdale Government Securities was spun off from his company at the beginning of the year.

Drysdale Securities, a member of big New York bank holding companies, planned to carry on business as usual, he said.

Market sources said the affair might bring into question the adequacy of self-regulation of the market in government bills, notes and bonds.

The sources noted that Dry-

sdale was taking on huge transactions with small capitalisation and this may encourage moves for official regulation of the market.

Some 35 securities dealers report to the New York Federal Reserve Bank, which attempts to ensure orderly market conditions.

They are the only dealers with whom the bank will conduct its open market operations.

Sources in the government bond market said they believed Drysdale government securities lost money on short positions in government bonds.

In taking short positions, traders agree to sell borrowed bonds or similar securities with fixed interest rates in the hope of delivering securities bought for less than the original selling price.

Pound drops, share prices slump as Falklands war fervour grows

LONDON (R) — Sterling dropped below \$1.80 Wednesday and London share prices slumped again because of a growing feeling in other transactions, Drysdale could not meet the interest payments on its borrowings.

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week low of \$1.7945 compared with \$1.8102 at the close Tuesday night.

Sterling's trade-weighted index against other major currencies dropped to 89.6 per cent of its 1975 level by noon, compared with 90 Tuesday night.

Financiers fear the uncertainty of the military options and the political dangers for the Conservative government, whose

economic policies they generally support.

On the stock exchange the Financial Times 30-share index had dropped 11.7 points to 560.7 by mid-afternoon, and is down 30 points in four days.

Gold meanwhile benefited from the tension and traded at \$342.10 an ounce, \$5.85 higher than Tuesday night, after being fixed at \$342 Wednesday afternoon.

OPEC to maintain base price, output ceilings

CARACAS — An OPEC committee believes that the organisation should maintain its base price of \$34 and continue with production ceilings for the rest of the year, according to Venezuela's energy minister.

Mr. Humberto Calderon Berti added that controls on production, set in a bid to defend prices in the face of a glut of oil on world markets, would have to continue in order to balance supply and demand.

Mr. Calderon Berti, minister of energy and mines, made his com-

ments after a four-man market monitoring committee set up by OPEC, (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries), at its last meeting in Vienna completed a report that will be presented to OPEC's next conference in Quito, Ecuador, on Thursday.

"We are going to stick to our

committee's one-day meeting here.

He added that OPEC production was currently estimated at 16.5 million barrels a day (b/d), as against the official ceiling of 17.5 million. But a rundown of stocks in consumer nations probably was reaching its limits now, he said.

"Our technical reports tell us that about 3.5 to four million b/d are still coming out of inventories but that this cannot continue at the same rate," the minister said.

Mr. Calderon Berti said that the committee estimated demand for

OPEC oil at about 19.5 million b/d by the third quarter of this year and 22 million by the fourth, with an incremental demand of three million b/d per quarter.

He added that the committee recommended that the current 17.5 million b/d ceiling be maintained until further notice.

The minister said that the committee noted some signs of market recovery in Europe, with spot prices for North Sea crude and some oil products moving up recently. But it regarded the U.S. economy as still being weak.

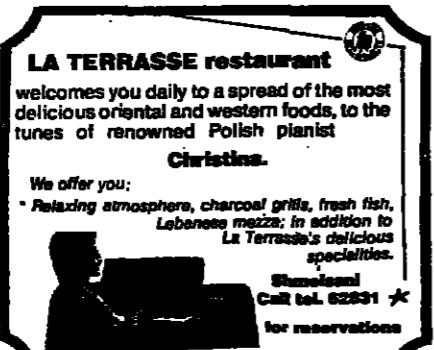
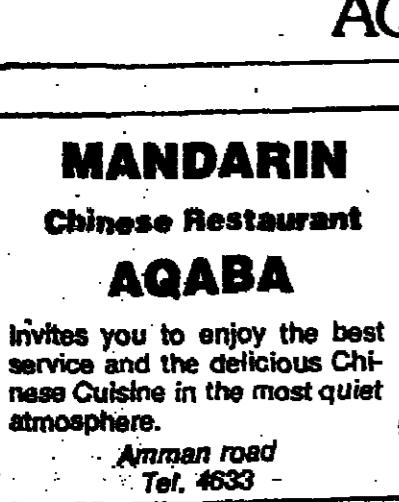
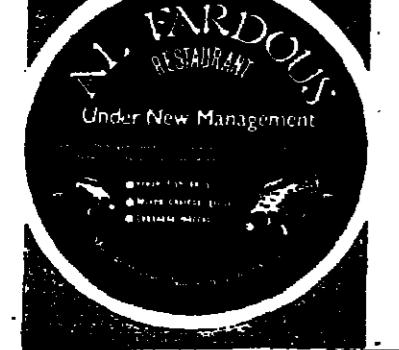
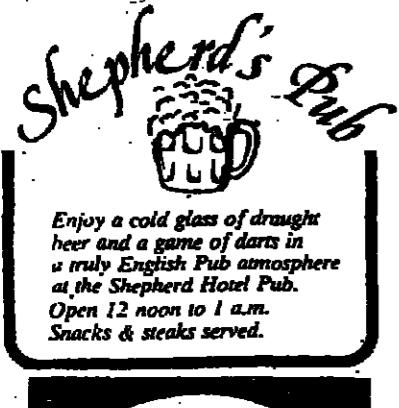
LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.8005/15	U.S. dollars
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	2.3145/55	West German marks
	2.5735/65	Dutch guilders
	1.9755/75	Swiss francs
	43.72/77	Belgian francs
	6.0325/75	French francs
	1284.50/1285.50	Italian lire
	237.95/238.10	Japanese yen
	5.8040/60	Swedish crowns
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One ounce of gold	343.00/343.50	U.S. dollars

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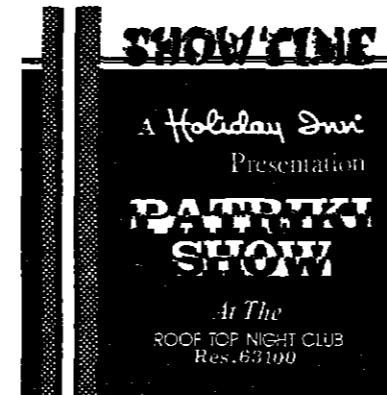
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'Ricky' F.A. Cup final appearance in doubt

LONDON (R) — Argentine soccer star Ricardo 'Ricky' Villa will play for Tottenham Hotspur in Saturday's English Cup final unless Britain and Argentina are at war, club manager Keith Burkinshaw said Wednesday.

Burkinshaw said on television that Villa was keen on playing for his club in the final against another London side, Queen's Park Rangers, despite the jeers he has been receiving recently from other team's supporters.

"If it's a war situation instead of armed conflict, as it's known now, then that would possibly mean that he couldn't play," the manager said.

Villa starred in last year's English Cup final replay, scoring two goals to help Tottenham to victory over Manchester City.

Tottenham's other Argentine star, Osvaldo Ardiles, returned to Argentina last month to train with his national side for the World Cup starting in Spain next month.

League of Ireland ends N.Zealand tour

INVERCARGILL, New Zealand (R) — World Cup finalists New Zealand beat the Football League of Ireland touring team 1-0 here Wednesday.

The match was the last in a series of five between the teams in New Zealand's preparation for their World Cup campaign against Brazil, Scotland and the Soviet Union in Group Six.

Kuwait beats Manchester City

RABAT (R) — Kuwait beat English first division club Manchester City 2-1 in Tangier Tuesday night in a warm-up match for their World Cup campaign in Spain.

Faisal Eddakhi opened the scoring for Kuwait in the 25th minute with a 25-metre shot and Yacoub Gacem got their second goal after 67 minutes with another long-range shot, from 30 metres.

Tommy Caton scored for Manchester City a minute before the final whistle.

In Spain, Kuwait play in World Cup Group Four with England, France and Czechoslovakia.

Ueberroth confident about Soviet participation in Los Angeles Olympics

MOSCOW (R) — Peter Ueberroth, chairman of the Los Angeles Olympics Organising Committee, said Wednesday he had soothed Soviet fears about the organisation of the 1984 games and was confident Moscow would be sending a team.

Soviet sports officials, still bitter over the U.S. boycott of the Moscow games, have fiercely attacked Los Angeles' preparations, declared smog and crime levels in the city a danger to athletes and criticised Ueberroth in person.

But after two days of talks with top Russian sports officials here, Ueberroth said the Russians would be at the 1984 games and added that he had accepted an offer of advice from Soviet experts who helped arrange the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

"This visit has been more than a good beginning; it was a major step in developing positive relations in sports between the two countries," he said.

Ueberroth flew to Moscow after trips to East Berlin and Warsaw to counter criticism of his committee.

When asked if Soviet officials had indicated that Moscow might keep its athletes away from the 1984 games, Ueberroth said: "They are preparing to attend and they will attend."

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In it, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to Olympic ideals and to ensuring a safe future for the games.

But the Soviet side also declared that its attendance would depend on the U.S. government producing a document guaranteeing the games would be run in compliance with the Olympic contract.

The Los Angeles Committee chairman said although much of the Soviet criticism of their work had been harsh, he felt they had a right to make it.

Other countries, especially West Germany, had been equally tough, he added.

Clerc crashes out of Rome Tennis Open

ROME (R) — Defending champion and top seed Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina crashed out in the second round of the Rome Open Tennis international Wednesday, going down 7-5, 6-1 to young Frenchman Thierry Tulasne.

The 18-year-old Tulasne, who knocked out American Vitas Gerulaitis in the second round here two years ago, played aggressive and confident tennis.

With his strong service, cool stop-volleys and passing shots on the sun-baked clay centre court, he often caught Clerc on the wrong foot.

Clerc, 23, surprisingly beaten by 21-year-old Yugoslav Marco Ostoja in the Florence Grand Prix last week, had trouble getting his first services in.

The agile Tulasne won the first set when Clerc double-faulted and

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Brazil moves step closer to finals

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — World Cup favourites Brazil move a step closer to the finals with a friendly against Switzerland in Recife Wednesday.

Manager Tele Santana plans to play Falcao, home after more than two years in Italian soccer, but the midfielder has injured a toe and may miss his chance.

Falcao apart, the Brazilian team shows several changes from the one which fumbled to a 3-1 triumph over Portugal two weeks ago. Defender Leandro returns after injury in place of Edevaldo, and Careca takes over from Serginho up front.

Santana is also trying out eder on the left wing in place of the squad's other exile, Dirceu of Atletico Madrid. Dirceu was injured in training on Friday.

Switzerland, who failed to qualify for the finals, lost 3-0 when they last played Brazil two years ago.

Chile's World Cup hopes jolted

SANTIAGO (R) — Chile's hopes of a good performance in the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain next month were jolted Tuesday night when they were beaten 3-2 by non-qualifiers Romania in a friendly international here.

Only a second-half rally in which Chile scored twice saved them from a bigger defeat after Romania had led 3-0 at the interval.

It was a first victory for the Romanians on their Latin American tour after defeats by world champions Argentina in Buenos Aires a week ago, 1-0, and by Peru in Lima on Sunday, 2-0.

An 18,000 crowd at the national stadium howled their disapproval as Romania outplayed the Chileans in midfield and went ahead with a goal by Klein in the eighth minute.

Augustin got the second goal in the 25th minute and Klein scored again five minutes later.

Gamboa got one back for Chile

in the 55th minute and star forward Caszely added another goal seven minutes later.

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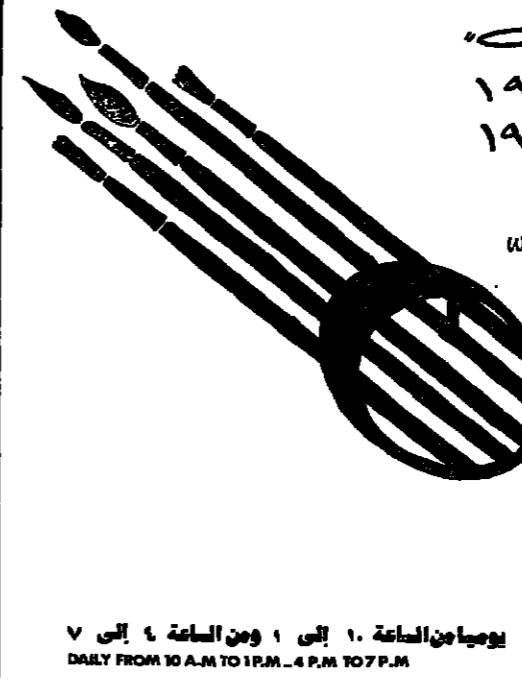
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In a bid to boost his standing among minority groups, the U.S. president pays surprise family visit, offers senior jobs and reverses earlier policy pattern

Reagan strives to improve image with blacks

By Jacqueline Frank
Reuters

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is striving to improve his image among American blacks after persistent charges, sometimes bordering on accusations of racism, that his policies have been insensitive and unfair to them.

Mr. Reagan received only about 15 per cent of the black vote in the 1980 election. Members of his Republican Party fear black support has now dropped even lower and that the trend may hurt Republicans in this November's congressional elections.

Although his 1980 election success was due partly to strong backing from southern white conservatives, Republicans have urged him to show his Conservative policies are not anti-black.

Mr. Reagan last week reversed his policy on the landmark 1965 voting rights act and endorsed a compromise amendment to strengthen the law, as sought by civil rights leaders, after previously supporting a version they said would weaken it.

He also surprised a black family in Maryland with an impromptu visit to express his sympathy after a newspaper reported that they had been harassed in their

neighbourhood.

And late last month he appointed two blacks to senior policy posts in the White House.

All this is taking place at a time when the U.S. recession, for which some critics blame Mr. Reagan's economic policies, is hitting blacks and other minorities especially hard.

Republican national committee Chairman Richard Richards told Reuters the party needs to reach out to the country's 26 million blacks to prevent a further drop in support. But he said: "The rhetoric that Mr. Reagan is anti-black is just baloney."

Senator Charles Mathias, a moderate Maryland Republican, said any constituency with a big, minority population would be affected by the rift between blacks and the administration.

"Rightly or wrongly, there is a perception in the black community that the Reagan administration has been insensitive. This

will hurt, he told Reuters. Many Republican senators were anxious to show their support for civil rights by endorsing amendments to strengthen the voting rights act, he said.

He said they also strongly opposed the administration's initial decision last January to reverse a 10-year-old policy and permit tax exemptions for segregated private schools.

This caused a furore among civil rights groups and the administration later reversed the decision. It has now asked the Supreme Court to decide if such exemptions should be granted.

The proposed change would make it easier for a victim of discrimination to prove his case as he would need to show only that the results of a procedure were discriminatory, regardless of its intent.

Before embracing the compromise, the administration had opposed the so-called "results standard," arguing that it might lead to a rash of lawsuits across the country calling for proportional representation by race.

The act outlawed electoral practices such as literacy tests and poll taxes that were often used in the American south to prevent blacks from voting. Congress is considering extending the provisions of the act, which is due to expire this year.

Mr. Reagan last week endorsed the extension passed by the Senate judiciary committee and gave his "heartfelt support" to a compromise on the controversial amendment worked out among Republicans, Democrats and civil rights leaders.

After months of haggling, Republican Senator Robert Dole of Kansas drew up the compromise, which will override a 1980 Supreme Court decision that civil rights groups had said weakened the law but will not allow racial quotas for elected officials.

The compromise would bar state and local officials from

employing voting procedures which resulted in discrimination against blacks and other minorities.

The standard in effect since the 1980 Supreme Court decision holds that the voting law is violated only when state or local officials consciously intend to discriminate.

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The leadership conference, a private coalition of 159 major civil rights groups, recently issued two reports which charged the administration's economic policies were unfair to the poor and that it had not aggressively enforced civil rights laws.

"Their apparent unwillingness to enforce the civil rights laws, combined with the perception that the economic programmes are unfair to minorities, makes a devastating image," Mr. Neas said.

Representative Harold Washington, a Chicago Democrat and a member of the congressional black caucus, told a recent congressional hearing that Mr. Reagan's civil rights stand signalled "to racists that they can return to business as usual without fear of retribution."

Assistant Attorney General William Reynolds replied that the administration had an "unwavering commitment" to enforce

ment of civil rights.

But he said it would not routinely seek court-ordered bus transport of children to schools outside their home neighbourhoods in order to achieve racial balance.

"Race-conscious remedies are not ones that are tolerable under the constitution," Mr. Reynolds said.

Mr. Washington said Mr. Reagan's civil rights policies alone would not motivate blacks in the 1982 elections, but in combination with economic problems would spur a record turnout.

Unemployment among black Americans is now a record 18.4 per cent, nearly twice the overall U.S. rate of 9.4 per cent.

Mr. Washington said: "There is a move afoot that will be devastating" to Republicans in the November elections.

A group of civil rights activists last month began a 1,200-kilometre march from Selma, Alabama, to Washington to dramatise the impact of the president's budget cuts on the poor and urge blacks to vote in November.

Democratic national committee Chairman Charles Manatt told Reuters: "There is a political awakening among blacks in 1982, who I believe will turn out in record numbers for Democratic candidates."

Republican Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi, a relatively poor state with a large population of blacks, said the Republicans would have to reach out to black voters.

"The party has to recognise that if it is going to make gains in the south, it is going to have to be sensitive to the needs of black Americans," he said in an interview.

The head of the Republican congressional campaign committee, representative Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan, told Reuters he expects that by November the White House will have corrected the perception that it has been insensitive to blacks.

Hitting nails on the head



Rainer Kriester's "Nailhead" confronts passerby in front of the townhall of the former imperial city of Goslar. — Photo: INPI/AP

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FRATE

EKRIP

JYLFOU

LAMTEL

THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



WHAT THE GAMBLER NAMED HIS DAUGHTER.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

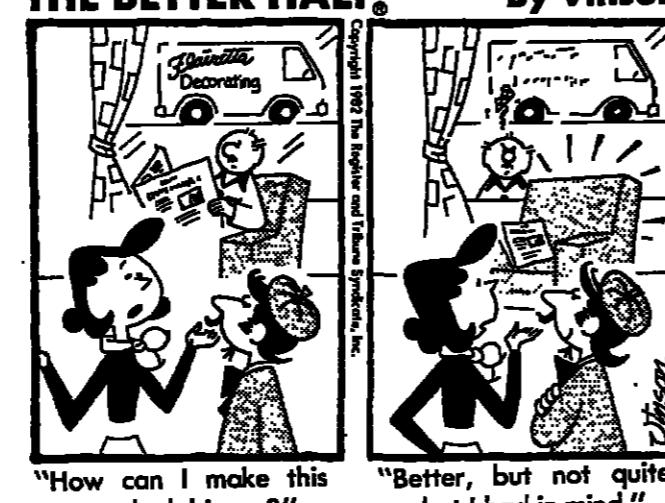
Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: NAIVE AROMA PANTRY GARLIC
Answer: An article of clothing a gentleman might have around the arm—"G-ARM-ENT"

THE BETTER HALF

By Vinson



FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is no day to force any activities upon your friends and acquaintances. Refrain from being too demanding in your attitude towards others. Strive for increased happiness.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can now easily get over stumbling blocks in the path of your progress that were difficult in the past. Be logical.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get busy early in the day and improve your financial position. Do nothing that could ruin your good reputation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have good ideas that need more study before going ahead with them. One who opposes you could cause trouble.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to use diplomacy in the handling of promises to others, or you could have more trouble than you want.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) An annoying situation could come up early in the day. Replace this with a new interest and get better results. Be cheerful.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Not a good day to put a new system to work. Discuss it further with associates. Make the evening a quiet and relaxing one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The daytime is not good for recreation since you have important practical affairs to attend to now. Engage in hobby tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't become embroiled in a family squabble. Keep your mind active on important business affairs. Think constructively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The planets are not favorable for starting new projects at this time. Show increased devotion to the one you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be sure to protect your assets, or you could feel the pinch later on. Be more outgoing in social activities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't neglect any business matters early in the day. Be sure to control your temper at all times today.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't throw away gains you've made on some worthless investment at this time. Avoid one who wastes your valuable time.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will want to be of service to others so direct the education along humanitarian lines for best results. Make sure you give good religious training early in life. One who will appreciate music a great deal.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can make rapid gains where personal duties are concerned: early in the day. Later some changes could have adverse reactions. Take time to prepare for the future.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle public and career duties in the morning so that later you can engage in pleasant social activities. Be poised.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) New ideas can be of great benefit to you at this time. You can solve a problem that has caused much trouble in the past.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are able to take care of personal duties early in the day. Admiration shown to good friends brings excellent results.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now meet expectations of a stern associate. Strive for increased harmony with co-workers. Help one in distress.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to improve on the quality of your work. Be more willing to make changes that will increase productivity. Think constructively.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your financial position and find a way to have greater abundance in the days ahead. Exercise great care in motion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle family affairs early in the day and sidestep any arguments. Promises you have made can be handled tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Morning is best time to make and keep important appointments. Situations could arise that you had not counted on. Be alert.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take care of money matters early in the day. Come to a fine meeting of minds with associates. Show that you have wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Decide exactly what you really want to accomplish and then make definite plans to gain your aims. Be more cheerful.

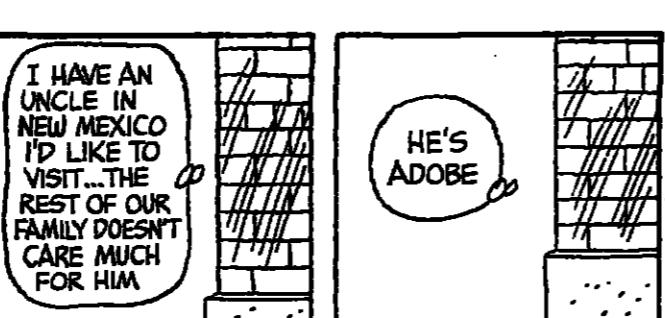
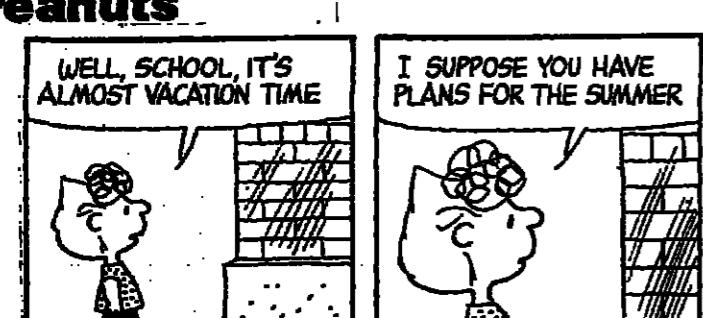
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Find a way to solve an annoying problem. Steer clear of a higher-up who is not in a good mood right now. Be wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be sure you don't jump into new interests at the expense of successful old ones. A monetary matter can be easily handled now.

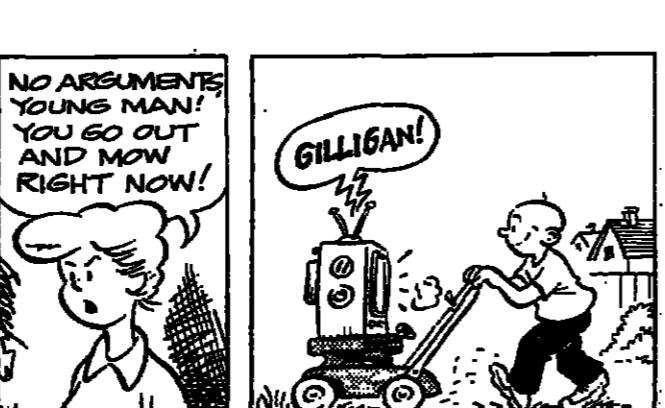
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will want to start making own way early in life. Send to the right schools that can prepare your progeny for success in the business world. Be sure to give ethical training early in life. Sports are important.

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Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



